GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ease the restrictions on agricultural trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Government has removed restrictions on farm sector for export of wheat & wheat products, grain and flour of barley, maize, bajra, ragi, jowar (excluding hybrid jowar grown as Kharif crop), butter; and on types of pulses, lentils, grams and flour made therefrom with effect from March, 2002. Registration requirement of export of non-basmati rice and requirement for export of non-basmati rice and requirement of export of pulses in package of 5 kg have also been removed.

Further, the restrictions on exports of cashew to Russia, groundnut oil in 5 kg packs and above; and agricultural seeds except cashew, jute and onion, have also been lifted with effect from 31.03.2002. The registration requirement on export of butter and wheat & wheat products have also been removed with effect from 31.03.2002.

The Central Government has also removed restrictions under the Essential Commodities Acton purchase, stocking, transport, etc. of various agricultural commodities, sugar and edible oils. The requirement of licensing in respect of several commodities has also been removed.